

Today's News - Monday, June 4, 2012

- ArcSpace brings us luscious eyefuls of the Ferrari Museum in Modena, and the Frost Museum of Science in Miami.
- Q&A with the "the sometimes irreverent but always straight-talking" Lstiburek, mincing no words about architects' responsibilities (his full-day program in NYC tomorrow is sure to be provocative).
- Kamin weighs in on Pelli's proposed Wolf Point in Chicago: "at first blush" it's an "appealing plan," but there are aspects that "require rethinking and reworking" (and if they want zoning changes, "they had better bring their 'A' game").
- Doig delves into what Atlantic City could use a good dose of to come back to life - and it's not another flashy resort (a touch of "glamorous decrepitude" wouldn't hurt).
- Rowland ruminates on that state of parks in Indianapolis: the city's paltry Park Score should be "a wake-up call to make parks a bigger priority."
- Rosenbaum is still rumbling about TWBTA's Barnes, and the still unknown fate of its folk art museum, but does find "some upbeat news" re: a new museum project for the duo.
- Caruso cruises "inside the design mind" with an interesting Q&A with the Calatrava/Childs/Libeskind triumvirate re: WTC/Ground Zero and the "reshaping one of the most culturally significant sites in the history of the U.S."
- A fascinating saga of a Chicago architect's venture in Haiti: she "saw well-laid plans turn to improvisation, yet again," but her new hospital will open this fall, "white and beautiful."
- King cheers architectural visions that may have "no realistic chance of ever being built," but are catching "the interest of researchers in fields that don't always look to architects for cultural innovation."
- A look at how some architects and urban planners are taking a new approach rising waters: "the biggest challenge isn't technology but changing the public's perception of living on water."
- Rose reviews the week in architecture: a school proves that the Building Schools for the Future program "deserved a future," tragedy in a glitzy Qatar shopping mall, a former gas station becomes a pop-up cultural center, and more.
- A new ACUI report offers a new look at how physical space can/does affect campus community building.
- A fitting question in time for the Queen's Jubilee: is Buckingham Palace ugly? (Bayley and Glancey chime in, too).
- The Australian Institute of Architects names new president: sole practitioner Shelley Penn hopes "to inspire other small practitioners, young architects and women to get involved."
- Good reasons to hit the road next week: Architecture Canada | RAIC Festival of Architecture in Newfoundland and Labrador + Progressive Cities Conference and Declining Cities Conference in Oxford, U.K.
- Call for entries: Plasticity Rio '12: Generate innovative uses for PET plastic bottles (deadline looms!) + Urban SOS: Frontiers - 4th annual international student competition: address border, gateway, or fringe conditions in cities.

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-- Jan Kaplický/Future Systems; Andrea Morgante: Enzo Ferrari Museum, Modena, Italy
-- Grimshaw Architects: Patricia and Phillip Frost Museum of Science, Miami, Florida

The Geeky Side of Design: "Architects are often phenomenal at connecting us to the outdoors, but horrible at disconnecting us when it's necessary. And that is the fundamental problem with architecture today," says the sometimes irreverent but always straight-talking Joe Lstiburek, Ph.D., P.Eng. By Wendy Ordemann- ArchNewsNow

Wolf Point proposal doesn't live up to promise of its site; Kennedy family's \$1 billion development...needs substantial reworking: It is, at first blush, an appealing plan...Yet on closer inspection, several aspects of the proposal require rethinking and reworking... By Blair Kamin -- Cesar Pelli/Fred Clarke/Pelli Clarke Pelli; bKL; Ted Wolff Landscape Architecture [images]- Chicago Tribune

Casinos aren't the future: Another flashy resort? Atlantic City should mimic other revitalized Jersey shore towns and just be itself...A.C. is forever dreaming up new get-rich-quick schemes, Asbury Park has capitalized on the shabby, eccentric charm of his resort-town roots...But at least, for the first time in decades, [A.C.'s] boardwalk area and the city proper are talking to each other. By Will Doig- Salon

Op-Ed: Indy's parks: What could they become? ...Indianapolis Museum of Art...100 Acres: The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art and Nature Park...quickly became one of my favorite public spaces...we don't have enough public green space and aren't making the most of the space we do have...Let this latest Park Score survey be a wake-up call...to make parks a bigger priority. By Eric Rowland/Rowland Design -- Marlon Blackwell- Indianapolis Star

Another Light Box? Tod Williams Billie Tsien's Next Museum Project (and worries for those completed): ...the fate of the American Folk Art Museum's former building "is still TBD [to be determined]..."...some upbeat news - their new museum project...Hood Museum at Dartmouth College...planned expansion... By Lee Rosenbaum [images, links]- ArtsJournal

Q&A: Inside the Design Mind: Heroic. Contemplative. Grieving. Victorious. The rebirth of the former World Trade Center site...has engendered significant public reaction and reflection. ...a conversation with Santiago Calatrava, David Childs, and Daniel Libeskind [about] reshaping one of the most culturally significant sites in the history of the United States.. By Andrew Caruso- Metropolis Magazine

Chicago architect designs a beacon for health care in Haiti: Friendship with famed doctor leads to state-of-the-art teaching hospital for quake-ravaged nation: ...Ann Clark saw well-laid plans turn to improvisation, yet again...The Mirebalais hospital, scheduled to open this fall, is...white and beautiful. -- Paul Farmer/Partners In Health; Nicholas Clark Architects [images, video]- Chicago Tribune

Architecture speculation pushes boundaries: ...as designers pursue visions that have no realistic chance of ever being built...city officials have shown no interest in vertical wetlands or fog-harvesting piers. But the spark to both firms' speculative work - that technology and science can shape adventurous landscapes - has caught the interest of researchers in fields that don't always look to architects for cultural innovation. By John King -- Kuth/Ranieri Architects; Future Cities Lab [images]- San Francisco Chronicle

Floating Architecture: Finding Ways to Live With Rising Water: ...instead of trying to fight the water, Dutch architects and urban planners are taking a new approach: finding ways to live with it...the biggest challenge isn't technology but changing the public's perception of living on water. -- Waterstudio.NL; Baca Architects; Remistudio; Ole Schreeren; MOS Architects; Architectenbureau Marlies Rohmer [slide show]- PBS

Constructive criticism: the week in architecture: Dagenham Park School shows Michael Gove that the BSF [Building Schools for the Future] scheme deserved a future, tragedy strikes a shopping centre in Qatar, and architects pump culture into a former petrol station [pop-up The Filling Station]. By Steve Rose -- AHMM architects; Burns & Nice; Clash Architects; Carmody Groarke; Mark Power Architects [images, links] - [Guardian \(UK\)](#)

Report offers new look at campus community building: "Physical Space on Campus" highlights findings from the Summit on Building Community...students, architects, planners, consultants, campus administrators, and higher education association leaders gathered to discuss physical space and campus community. -- Jan van den Kieboom/Workshop Architects [link to report] - [Association of College Unions International \(ACUI\)](#)

Is Buckingham Palace ugly? ...a focal point in the Queen's Jubilee celebrations...is this famous landmark an attractive building or a carbuncle, asks Sophie Robehmed... "It's impossible to separate the reputation...from its architectural reality - it's all as layered and muddled as the Windsor bloodlines, says Stephen Bayley. -- Aston Webb; William Chambers; John Nash; Edward Blore; Peter York; Jonathan Glancey - [BBC \(UK\)](#)

Melbourne-based sole practitioner Shelley Penn takes over presidency at Australian Institute of Architects: "I'm proud to stand as leader of an organisation that is accustomed to seeing directors of larger practices in this seat, and I want to inspire other small practitioners, young architects and women to get involved..." - [Architecture & Design \(Australia\)](#)

Architecture Canada | RAIC Festival of Architecture: "Deep Roots in a New Energy City"; St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador, June 12-16 - [Royal Architectural Institute of Canada \(RAIC\)](#)

Progressive Cities Conference 2012 (June 18-19) and Declining Cities Conference 2012 (June 20) look at future development and issues relating to unsustainable and declining cities; in Oxford, UK - [International Journal of Neighbourhood Renewal \(UK\)](#)

Call for entries: Plasticity Rio '12: Generate innovative uses for PET plastic bottles; deadline: June 15 - [Applied Brilliance](#)

Call for entries: Urban SOS: Frontiers - 4th annual AECOM international undergraduate and graduate student competition seeks integrated design, planning, environmental and engineering responses to address border, gateway or fringe conditions in cities; cash prize; deadline: August 31 - [AECOM](#)

INSIGHT: Let's Quiet Down: The Case for Places, Regionalism, and Sustainability: Architecture should be concerned primarily with place-making, not object-making. By Peter Gisolfi, AIA, ASLA, LEED AP - [ArchNewsNow](#)

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